



February 23, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Effective January 1, 2022, requires any barber or cosmetology license holder complete a one-hour course on domestic violence education as part of the initial license education as prescribed by the Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners (BCBE). Requires the BCBE to approve a nonprofit entity to develop and administer the course at a school of cosmetology. Establishes that any license holder who responds to signs of domestic violence with a client, refers a client to resources for victims of domestic violence, or fails to respond or refer is not civilly or criminally liable for those actions or inactions. Establishes that a person who holds a license as of December 31, 2021 is required to complete the course by December 31, 2025 or the license will be rendered invalid.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (001593): Corrects an incorrect reference to the Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault without making any substantive changes to the legislation.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation requires the BCBE to prescribe by rule a one-hour course on domestic violence education and ensure that any individual seeking an initial or renewal of a license governed by the Board completes the training.
- The BCBE can approve a nonprofit entity to develop the course, complete any required rulemaking, and certify that licensees have completed the appropriate course within existing resources.

- There will not be a significant decrease in the number of licenses issued, renewed, or restored as a result of applicants failing to complete the required course.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all regulatory boards are required to be self-sufficient over any two-year period. The BCBE experienced a surplus of \$284,185 in FY18-19, a surplus of \$156,438 in FY19-20, and had a cumulative reserve balance of \$1,054,296 on June 30, 2020.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The one-hour course required with prerequisite educational training for licensure is authorized to be administered online or in-person.
- The course is not estimated to significantly increase expenditures for licensure prerequisite training for students or schools of cosmetology.
- No significant impact to jobs or commerce in Tennessee.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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